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June 09, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#43 JUNE 9, 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding for continuation of the Transit Pass Subsidy Program, which provides subsidized monthly transit passes to eligible residents in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas, through Fiscal Year 2010-11.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the continuation of the Transit Pass Subsidy Program to provide subsidized monthly transit passes for eligible County of Los Angeles unincorporated area residents as part of the County of Los Angeles' Proposition A Local Return Transit Program for Fiscal Year 2010-11, at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue the Transit Pass Subsidy Program through Fiscal Year 2010-11.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will provide for the continuation of subsidized transit passes by authorizing the Director of

Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement, in a form approved by County Counsel, with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The Transit Pass Subsidy Program (Program) will reduce monthly transit pass costs for eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, students, and the general public, thereby improving access to multiple municipal transit systems. By administering this Program with LACMTA, the County of Los Angeles (County) is able to provide these services to the public in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Program for each supervisorial district is as follows:

| District | Subsidy/Certifications | LACMTA Administration | Totals Fiscal Year 2010-11 |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | \$ 711,200 | \$ 112,600 | \$ 823,800 |
| 2 | 175,400 | 27,800 | 203,200 |
| 3 | 5,000 | 800 | 5,800 |
| 4 | 90,600 | 14,300 | 104,900 |
| 5 | 312,800 | 49,500 | 362,300 |
| Total | \$1,295,000 | \$205,000 | \$1,500,000 |

The maximum obligation to LACMTA for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Program is \$1,500,000. The necessary funds are available from each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Program encourages the use of public transit and provides eligible residents in unincorporated County areas the financial assistance to meet their transit needs.

Since 1985, the Board has approved agreements with LACMTA, or its predecessor agencies, for this Program. The Program provides subsidized monthly transit passes to eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, and students residing in all unincorporated County areas. The Program also provides subsidized Metro and EZ transit passes for the general public residing in the unincorporated County areas of the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

This Program permits the sale of Metro and EZ transit passes as follows:

| Pass Category | Regular Cost | County Subsidy | Cost to Eligible County Residents |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Metro Senior/Disabled | \$14.00 | \$ 6.00 | \$ 8.00 |
| Metro Student (K-12) | \$24.00 | \$ 8.00 | \$16.00 |
| Metro College/Vocational | \$36.00 | \$11.00 | \$25.00 |
| Metro Monthly* | \$75.00** | \$14.00 | \$61.00 |

Pass Category

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| EZ Transit Senior/Disabled | \$35.00 | \$14.00 | \$21.00 |
| EZ Transit Monthly* | \$84.00** | \$14.00 | \$70.00 |

*The County subsidies for the Metro Monthly and EZ Transit Monthly passes are only available to eligible residents in Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5.

**A cost increase for Metro Monthly and EZ Transit Monthly passes is scheduled for July 1, 2010. The current costs for Fiscal Year 2009-10 are \$62 for Metro Monthly and \$70 for EZ Transit Monthly passes.

The Program also calls for LACMTA to review applicants' addresses to certify that they are eligible to participate in this Program and to document which supervisorial district the applicant resides. Each eligible applicant will receive a certification from LACMTA, which must be renewed annually. LACMTA will issue each eligible applicant a 12-month punch card to ensure that only one pass per person per month is purchased.

LACMTA charges the following for certification processing fees:

Pass Category Certification Fee

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|---------------------|--------|
| Student | \$4.05 |
| Senior and Disabled | \$2.75 |
| Regular Monthly | \$4.05 |

The agreement will permit LACMTA to provide subsidized monthly transit passes for eligible unincorporated County area residents and administer the Program at a maximum cost to the County of \$1,500,000. The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee. The County's payment to LACMTA will be based on the actual cost incurred by LACMTA.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are statutorily exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines. This exemption provides for the establishment, modification, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will provide reduced monthly transit pass rates, encourage transit use, and provide improved access to multiple municipal transit systems.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office